

My name is Jesse Burks. I am a 6th grade student in East Haddam, CT. I am providing testimony concerning Senate Bill No. 317, an Act to require any person applying for a remedial reading, remedial language arts or reading consultant endorsement to have completed a course that includes instruction on dyslexia.

I have come before this committee a bunch of times to tell you how difficult it is for a child with Dyslexia to get ahead in CT schools. I moved here from Texas. My mom has told you all about Texas and what they do. All I want to know is why can't it be that way here? Why can't I have a teacher who knows how to teach me? It is the same country and it is school so why in one school can I get good teachers that know everything about Dyslexia and then I move here and they don't even want to talk about it.

My mom told me you want to have teachers take a course to teach kids with Dyslexia. Is that enough? My teachers before who did a really great job went to school a lot and were super great at what they did. They took more than a course. I hope our CT teachers can take more than a course. School is always hard for me. That probably won't change before I graduate. I hope that one day when my kids go to school all the teachers will know how to see a dyslexic kid and teach a dyslexic kid. School won't be so hard for them.

Thank you

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